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<b>IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>	<i>Application Number</i>	09/645,590
	<i>Filing Date</i>	August 25, 2000
	<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Markku KOULU
	<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1635
	<i>Examiner Name</i>	S. McGarry
	<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2630-106
<i>Title of the Invention:</i> <b>A METHOD FOR REDUCING OVERPRODUCTION OF NEUROPEPTIDE Y IN AN INDIVIDUAL</b>		

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO  
NOVEMBER 19, 2002 OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

March 19, 2003

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the November 19, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action was originally due February 19, 2003. A petition for a one-month extension of time extending the due date to March 19, 2003 accompanies this Amendment. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7 and 14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 2 as shown on the following pages.

Marked-up sheets of the claim amendments are attached to this Amendment. Inserted material is underlined and deleted material is enclosed within brackets.